

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 19-22, 24-37, 61-67, 70-73, 76-81, 85-96, 99, and 101-108 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2007, the Examiner rejected claim 61 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner next rejected claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, 61-63, and 65-67 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by C. H. Stevens, Jr. (USP 2,742,622). Claims 8, 10, 19, 24-32, and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over C. H. Stevens, Jr. in view of Double (USP 3,736,548). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over C. H. Stevens, Jr. in view of Double as applied to claim 1, and further in view of EP241121 A2 (has equivalent US Patent Cusick, III et al. USP 4,702,539). Claims 9 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over C. H. Stevens, Jr. in view of Double as applied to claim 1, and further in view of G. W. Lecocq (USP 3,491,329). Claims 13, 93-96, 99, and 101-105 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over C. H. Stevens, Jr. in view of Double as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Cusick, III et al. (USP 4,702,539). Claims 106-108 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over G. W. Lecocq in view of C. H. Stevens, Jr.

Claims 70-73, 76-81, and 85-92 are allowed. Claims 21 and 33-37 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Such indication is appreciated.

Applicant has herein amended claim 19 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 21, and has canceled claim 21. Claim 22 has been amended to amend the dependency to claim 19. Claim 33 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 19. Therefore, claims 19, 20, 22, and 24-37 are all now in condition for allowance. All non-allowed claims are herein canceled without prejudice.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 19, 20, 22, 24-37, 70-73, 76-81, and 85-92.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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General Authorization and Extension of Time

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by credit card authorization being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 50-2623.

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